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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

Why no charge the cost of rural wireless phone service to a per use cost to the rural phone user for any additional rate increases instead of raising everyone's rates. I utilize the Tracfone wireless pre-pay as you go plan to manage my wireless cost's. At the very least rural phone users should not be able to get discounts for a greater usage.

The rural wireless phone users CHOOSE to live in a rural area.

Why penalize me for their choice of where they live?

This will be an additional cost on top of the already unfair add-on fees I pay with my local phone and long distance monthly services.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members